



### Speed up the Alligator

In the last few days I could take less care of the development of the [Alligator Browser](#) because I'm working through some theoretical concepts. One of the things that really bothered me was how to load fewer files from other servers. This includes advertising but also some javascripts which were implemented by providers in their projects. So e.g. to set Cookie hints or to play videos. I read my [the boring web](#) article again and went through all the points one by one. I could block many unpopular scripts with an ad blocker, but even the best blocker consists of additional files, which would have to be installed in my browser. This would make it bigger again, slower...all factors I want to avoid. I had entered in the config.py file that Javascript can be turned off and have been running it for a few days now. Is it worth it to exhibit Javascript?

### Yes

Altogether I see approx. 98% no more advertisements, only by this the Alligator Browser has already become much faster. I can read some pages again that excluded me from their offer. I don't get [unpopular GDPR](#) hints, tracking scripts aren't loaded anymore and can't access private data. I have solved the problem that I don't have to install an ad blocker programmed by another developer. So I have less foreign code in my project. Duckduckgo also works without Javascript. So it is still possible for me to search for information online. So the Alligator is closer to the ideal information-web.

### No

Many services like Deviantart, Bandcamp, Openstreetmap etc. don't work properly anymore. In most cases you can't log in. 99% of videos are no longer played. Duckduckgo only works limited, the [!bang](#) function cannot be used by the user. Almost everything from the entertainment- and social-web doesn't work. Commenting in blogs is also no longer possible. You have to install a second browser if you want to use media services.

Altogether I noticed in the last days how much Javascript is used. There are thousands of applications/websites that don't work properly anymore or can only be displayed in a limited way. But this doesn't really bother me, because I use a different software for the entertainment web. What has really changed noticeably are the incredibly fast loading times. I am very strict about the speed of programs and I hate to have to wait for a few seconds. Some days I search 200 pages for material. I can't afford to have to wait all the time until all the unimportant nonsense has been loaded. That is also one of the main reasons. Another big browser are much too slow and no longer flexible enough for me. However, this seems to be a general problem for large corporations and software projects that the project itself gets in the way at some point. In version 18 the Alligator is delivered with default Javascript. Please consider this, so that you don't wonder why certain things don't work anymore.

P.s. Today I installed Krita and created my first digital drawing (see above). I already had some experience in Gimp, but there are some basic differences.

**Just one more test, Mom.**

I've now switched between Javascript On/Off for ten versions and looked at the pros and cons. I noticed some points, which I would like to write down here again briefly. I have now set Javascript in config.py to false as default. As I have already described above, I see almost no advertising anymore and most websites load much faster. But I also noticed that I don't want to use the Alligator browser for the entertainment web, but for the informatin web. Due to my developments I can still watch YT videos or read online [.pdf](#) files. This also works without Javascript. So I am not 100% cut off from the entertainment industry.

In between I wrote down in a Javascript diary for what I use the [Alligator Browser](#). Most hours I spend searching for information, reading and comparing data. I am almost never logged in with a provider (e.g. Diaspora, Mastodon, Reddit etc.) or use services that only work with Javascript. So far I have always found good alternatives, without having to make an effort. Unfortunately I now get very often whiny messages that I should please turn on JS again because (please enter a generic reason here) the website then does not work. But I still have the Firefox browser. Besides I noticed how impatient I became with web pages. After a second I get really impatient and only for blogs I read daily I tolerate even longer loading times (maximum four seconds). Most blogs I read anyway via RSS and not in a web browser. So I am still surfing without Javascript. Speed is more important than entertainment and colourful animations.